

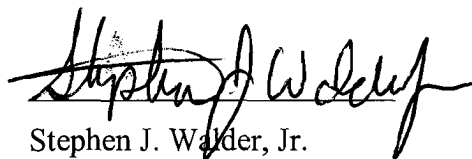
REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 17-19, and 21 are pending in this application. By this Response, Applicants have canceled claims 7-11, 15-16, 20, and 22-25 from further consideration in this application. However, Applicants are not conceding in this application that the canceled claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner or that the claimed subject matter is does not satisfy 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as the present claim amendments and cancelations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner and to focus the claims in the present application to only the method claims. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue the canceled claims and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

Applicants thank Examiner Lashley for the allowance of claims 1-3, 5, 7-11, 15-19, 21-23, and 25. As noted above, the only pending claims in the present application are claims 1-3, 5, 17-19, and 21, all of which have been indicated by the Examiner to be allowed. Thus, it is Applicants' understanding that the application now stands in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe anything further is necessary to further this application to issuance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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